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THE WOLVERINE IS DEAD. HIS LEGACY REMAINS.

LOGAN MET HIS END WHILE DESTROYING A REVAMPED VERSION OF THE WEAPON X PROJECT, LOCATED IN A FACILITY KNOWN AS PARADISE.

LOGAN COULD NOT ESCAPE, BUT OTHERS DID--FIVE OF CORNELIUS' TEST SUBJECTS, ALL GRANTED STRANGE NEW POWERS. NONE WERE EVER INTENDED TO SURVIVE OUTSIDE THE PROGRAM, AND HAVE BEEN INFUSED WITH A TICKING CLOCK IN THEIR DNA THAT WILL KILL THEM UNLESS IT CAN BE DEACTIVATED.

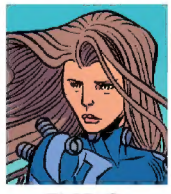
THESE LOST WEAPONS KIDNAPPED A GROUP OF FIVE OF WOLVERINE'S DEADLIEST ASSOCIATES IN THE HOPE THAT THEIR HEALING FACTORS MIGHT HOLD THE KEY TO SAVING THE TEST SUBJECTS' LIVES. THE REFUGEES FROM PARADISE HOLD SIGNIFICANT LEVERAGE OVER THE FIVE KILLERS--SECRET 'CONTROL WORDS' THAT CAN MANIPULATE, SEDATE OR EVEN KILL EACH OF THEM.

BOTH GROUPS WANT THEIR FREEDOM, AND HEAD INTO THE WRECKAGE OF PARADISE TO RETRIEVE THE POSSIBLE SOURCE OF SALVATION--THE BODY OF WOLVERINE. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY'RE ATTACKED BY THE WRECKING CREW, WHO HAD BEEN HIRED TO DO THE SAME THING BY MR. SINISTER. JUST AS DAKEN, X-23 AND JUNK LOCATED THE ADAMANTIUM STATUE THAT IS ALL THAT IS LEFT OF LOGAN, THE EVIL GENETICIST APPEARED, RIPPED OFF DAKEN'S ARM, TORE OUT HIS EYE, AND DISAPPEARED WITH THE STATUE. SINCE DAKEN HAS LOST HIS HEALING FACTOR, HIS SURVIVAL IS ANYTHING BUT ASSURED...

PARADISE

SHOGUN

NEURO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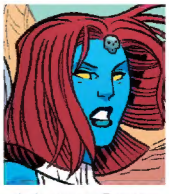
THE WOLVERINES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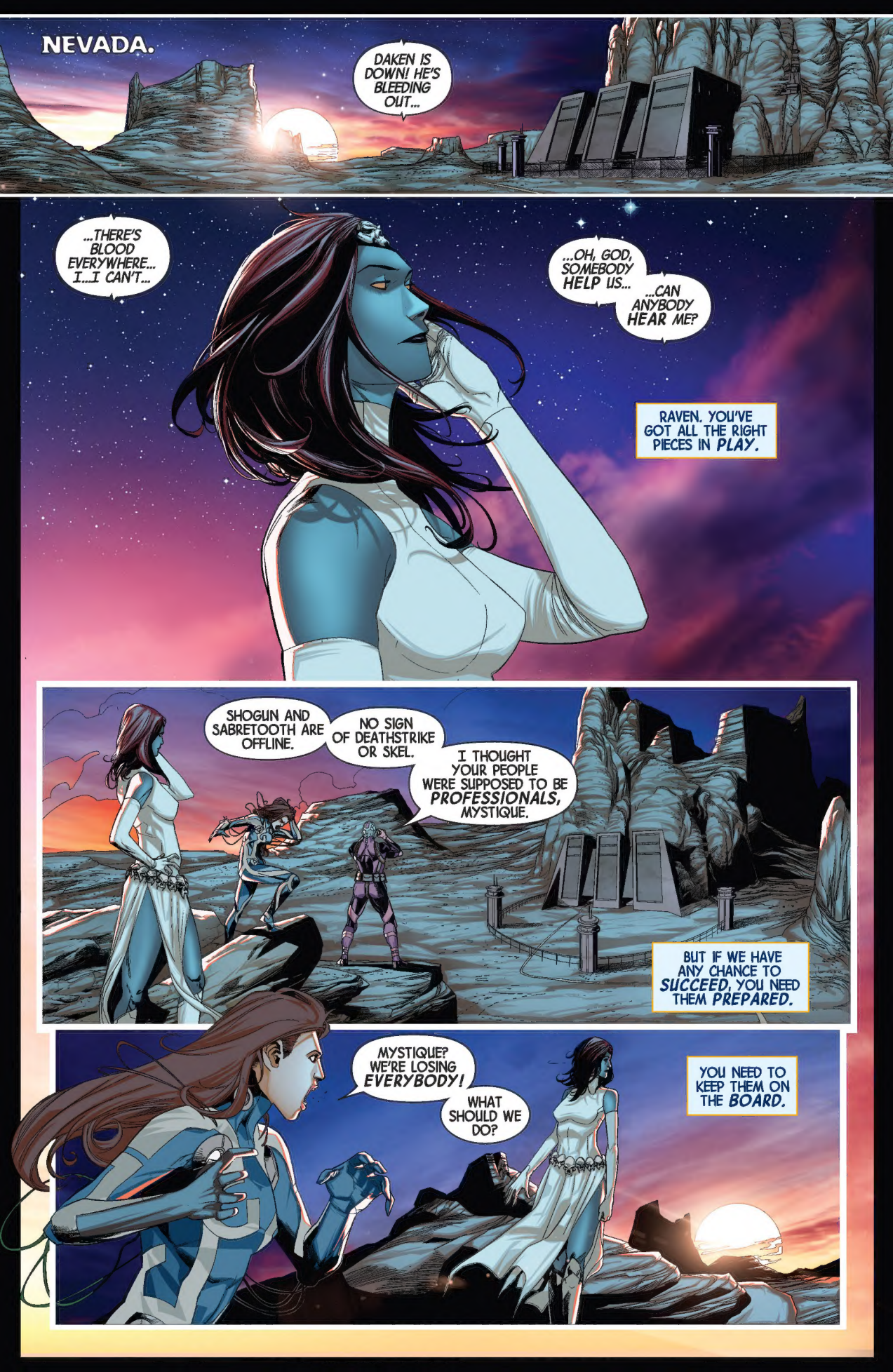
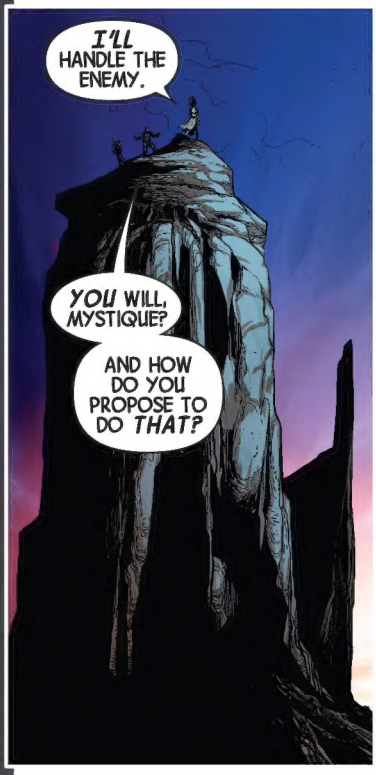

NEVADA.
DAKEN IS DOWN! HE'S BLEEDING OUT...
...THERE'S BLOOD EVERYWHERE... I...I CAN'T...
...OH, GOD, SOMEBODY HELP US...
...CAN ANYBODY HEAR ME?
RAVEN. YOU'VE GOT ALL THE RIGHT PIECES IN PLAY.
SHOGUN AND SABRETOOTH ARE OFFLINE.
NO SIGN OF DEATHSTRIKE OR SKEL.
I THOUGHT YOUR PEOPLE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE PROFESSIONALS, MYSTIQUE.
BUT IF WE HAVE ANY CHANCE TO SUCCEED, YOU NEED THEM PREPARED.
MYSTIQUE? WE'RE LOSING EVERYBODY!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
YOU NEED TO KEEP THEM ON THE BOARD.

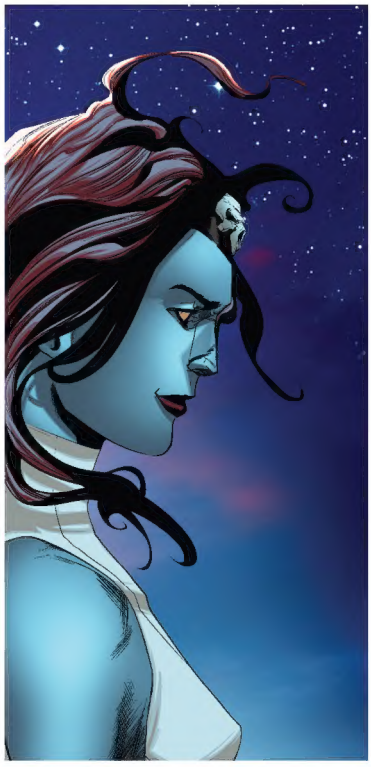
AW, MAN, I GOT HAIRY PSYCHO SMEARED ALL OVER MY STEEL.
WE DON'T EVEN NEED TO BE HERE ANYMORE. SINISTER GOT WHAT HE WANTED... WHICH MEANS WE'RE GETTING PAID.
BUT I TELL YA... WHEN SOMEBODY ELSE STARTS A FIGHT WITH ME, I GOTTA FINISH IT.
HEY, BULLDOZER. I THINK THIS ONE MIGHT BE DEAD.
HOLD STILL, FREAKSHOW!
AAARRRGHH!
SINISTER! COME OUT AND FIGHT!
HE'S GONE, X-23, OKAY? TELEPORTED OR WHATEVER!
HE TOOK WOLVERINE'S BODY AND... AND DAKEN'S ARM...
DAKEN! YOU HAVE TO STOP MOVING AROUND!

ALL RIGHT. NEURO, YOU GET READY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND EVAC.
I'M NOT A DOCTOR, MYSTIQUE.

ENDO, YOU'LL HAVE TO GO IN THERE AND CHECK ON DAKEN. I DON'T WANT HIM ATTACKING THE WRECKING CREW WHILE I DEAL WITH THEM.
WHAT? NO WAY!
I CAN'T GO IN THERE! I'M NOT A FIGHTER!

THEN YOU BETTER RUN FAST.
BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING IN. IF HE CAN'T STAY COOL ONCE HE HEALS, PEOPLE WILL DIE.
AW, NO... DON'T SAY THAT...


I'LL HANDLE THE ENEMY.
YOU WILL, MYSTIQUE?
AND HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO DO THAT?



WHAT THE...

I'LL...KILL HIM...
WHAT-- HEY!
DAMN IT--DAMN IT!
"ARQUEBUS."
I'LL KUHHHH--
YOU SON OF A--!
A CONTROL WORD? SERIOUSLY, JUNK? HE'S NOT YOUR PUPPET!
YOU RATHER HE BLEED OUT? HE'S GOTTA STOP MOVING! GIVE US A CHANCE TO SAVE HIM, X-23.
WHY ISN'T HE HEALING? WHAT HAPPENED?
HE GOT HIT BY... SOMETHING. BEFORE ALL THIS.
IT WAS SOME KIND OF MONSTER THAT DRAINED HIS HEALING FACTOR OUT OF HIM...
WHUH--
HNNGH!
LOOK, IT'S ANOTHER ONE. MAYBE I SHOULD BREAK HER LEGS.
STOP!

THE WRECKING CREW.
IF YOU'RE HERE, IT'S FOR MONEY. THE PEOPLE YOU'RE BEATING ON ARE MY PEOPLE. WE HAVE NO QUARREL WITH YOU.
YOU LET THEM GO AND WHATEVER YOU'RE PAID FOR BEING HERE, I'LL MATCH IN GOLD. YOU KNOW I'M GOOD FOR IT.
OR...
...I MAKE YOU MY NEW HOBBY.
I FIND YOUR ALLIES, YOUR LOVERS, YOUR FAMILY. ONE BY ONE, I DESTROY THEIR LIVES. I'D NEVER HAVE TO TOUCH THEM. YOU'D NEVER SEE ME.
ONE BY ONE. EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM.

MYSTIQUE? YOU MUST BE JOKING. OUR ONLY REAL CHOICE IS HOW MANY WALLS WE PAINT WITH YOUR BL--
WAIT.
WE GOT NO REASON TO TAKE THIS FURTHER. SINISTER HIRED US FOR SALVAGE, AND THEY AIN'T STOPPING US.
BACK IT DOWN, EVERYBODY!
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE PULLING IN DOUBLE ON THIS GIG!
CAN'T SAY MUCH FOR THE COMPANY YOU KEEP, MYSTIQUE...
...BUT WE'LL TAKE YOUR MONEY.
'COURSE, YOU SCREW US, AND WE MIGHT FIND A NEW HOBBY OF OUR OWN.
PLEASE. I'D RATHER JUST PAY YOU.
DO WE NEED TO SHAKE HANDS ON IT?
OR DO YOU TRUST ME NOT TO BE A MORON?
"AND THEN WHAT HAPPENED...?"

...DID HE MAKE YOU SHAKE HIS HAND?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
COME ON! WHERE'S OUR *RIDE?*
WE NEED TO GET DAKEN STABILIZED, LIKE *NOW!*
IT'S COMING.
I DON'T SEE NUTHIN'!
THE *CHANGELING*... IT CAN *CLOAK?*
SURPRISE.

WHAT DO WE DO?
HE'S LOST A LOT OF BLOOD. I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S ANYTHING WE CAN DO.
NO! NO, WE HAVE TO--
DON'T DO IT.
I CAN SAVE HIM.
NO. YOU WERE LUCKY TO FIND IT IN THE WRECKAGE AT ALL.
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW VALUABLE IT IS? DON'T BE A FOOL.
I CAN SAVE HIM!
THIS IS REGEN SERUM. DR. CORNELIUS USED IT IN PARADISE TO BRING BACK TEST SUBJECTS HE...DAMAGED A BIT TOO THOROUGHLY. WE FOUND A FEW WHEN WE ESCAPED.
IT SHOULD STABILIZE HIM.
YOU THINK THERE WON'T BE A TIME YOU NEED IT YOURSELF?
YOU WOULD DIE TO SAVE THIS MURDERER?
WAIT A MINUTE, WAIT A MINUTE.
WHAT?

NO! YOU'RE NOT THIS STUPID. YOU'RE--
NOW, JUST WAIT A MINUTE. THE WHOLE REASON WE'RE WORKING WITH THESE PEOPLE IS BECAUSE THEIR HEALING FACTORS MIGHT BE ABLE TO SAVE OUR LIVES.
NOBODY TOLD US DAKEN LOST HIS. WE SHOULD SAVE THAT SYRINGE FOR SOMEONE WHO IS CRITICAL TO THE MISSION.
LISTEN TO NEURO.
SO WHAT, YOU WANT TO JUST WATCH HIM DIE?
EASY. YOU CAN'T FIGHT THEM.
THEY'LL TAKE YOU DOWN WITH A WORD.
NO NO NO NO NO NO NO
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? DO IT!
SHOGUN, PLEASE, THE SYRINGE IS A VALUABLE RESOURCE.
I'LL DEFLECT YOUR HAND.
I'LL BREAK THE SYRINGE. YOU THINK I CAN'T? YOU THINK YOU CAN RESIST ME?

YES.
HHHAAAHH--

ONE HOUR LATER.
LOGAN IS DEAD.
YOU'RE THE ONLY FAMILY... SORT-OF FAMILY...I HAVE LEFT.
I'M HERE IF YOU NEED ME...

LAPLAND, FINLAND.
"...NO MATTER WHERE THIS TAKES US."
INITIATE SENSOR ARRAY.
INITIATING.
INITIATING.
GIVE ME A COUNTDOWN TO TAU NEUTRINO INCURSION.
TAU NEUTRINO INCURSION IN THIRTY SECONDS.
ACTIVATE WEAK BOSON BINDERS.
WEAK BOSON BINDERS ACTIVATED.
ESTABLISHING INCURSION PATHWAYS.
TAU NEUTRINO INCURSION IN TEN SECONDS...
...FIVE SECONDS...
...WE HAVE INCURSION.
ESTABLISHING TUNNELING PATHS.
SENSOR RANGE IS OPTIMAL.
"...IF WE NEED WOLVERINE'S BODY TO FIND OUR CURE, WE SHOULD START TALKING ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO GET IT BACK...."

...SHOULDN'T WE?
FROM SINISTER? GOOD LUCK.
WHO KNOWS WHAT HE'S EVEN DOING TO IT...
...OR WHAT KIND OF DEFENSES HE'LL HAVE SET UP TO PROTECT HIS PRIZE. WE'LL NEVER GET INTO ONE OF HIS FORTRESSES UNINVITED...
"...NOT IF WE WANT TO SURVIVE TO SEE THE OPEN AIR AGAIN.
"THIS IS A MAN WHO EMPLOYS SECURITY TECHNOLOGY NINETY-EIGHT PERCENT OF THE WORLD HAS NEVER HEARD OF...
"...I'M TALKING ABOUT DIRECT MANIPULATION OF TIME AND SPACE AS A DEFENSIVE FEATURE, OKAY?
"I'VE HEARD OF PEOPLE TRYING TO MESS WITH HIM WHO END UP DYING TEN YEARS PREVIOUS, FROM A CANCER INSERTED INTO THEIR OWN PAST BODIES."
THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.
EXACTLY. AND THERE'S MORE...

"...YOU MAKE ONE MISSTEP, AND YOU'LL FIND YOURSELF STRETCHED OUT IN ONE OF HIS SAMPLE FARMS, KEPT ALIVE WHILE HE TAKES YOU APART A PIECE AT A TIME.
"AND MISSTEPS ARE INEVITABLE, BECAUSE THERE IS NOBODY YOU CAN TRUST ONCE YOU'RE IN THERE. NOT EVEN YOURSELF.
"EVERYONE HE'S EVER CAUGHT IS BASE MATERIAL FOR HIS TOYS.
"YOU WILL FIND YOURSELF FACING OFF AGAINST YOUR WORST NIGHTMARE."
AND EVEN IF THAT WASN'T THE CASE, WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE HIS FORTRESS IS.
YOU'RE WRONG.

WE DO KNOW WHERE HE IS.
HE'S IN FINLAND.
HOW DO WE KNOW THIS?
"DAKEN'S ARM HAS A TRACKING DEVICE EMBEDDED IN IT.
"JUST LIKE THE ONES WE ALL HAD. EVERYONE WHO WENT THROUGH PARADISE GOT ONE."
NIFTY LITTLE BUGS, BY THE WAY. THEY'RE SET TO EMULATE OUR DNA. THOSE WITH HEALING FACTORS WON'T PURGE THEM...
...REALLY FASCINATING TECHNOLOGY.
THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FIELD OF TRANSPLANT MEDICINE AL--
FINE.
IT'LL TAKE SINISTER ALL OF TEN SECONDS TO DISCOVER IT AND DITCH IT.
NO, THAT'S THE THING. IF YOU'RE NOT LOOKING FOR IT, IT'S INCREDIBLY HARD TO SPOT. BECAUSE OF THE EMULATION, YOU SEE.
EVEN SO.
WE'D HAVE TO BE INSANE TO TRY AND GO THERE.
NO...
...NOT INSANE AT ALL.

"BREAKING IN IS POSSIBLE.
"AND NOT ONLY THAT--IT'S NECESSARY."
EXPLAIN.
WOLVERINE'S REMAINS HOLD THE KEY THAT WILL FREE US FROM OUR PREPROGRAMMED DEATHS.
THEN IT FOLLOWS THAT WE MUST GO IN AND RETRIEVE THEM.
NOT THAT. EXPLAIN HOW WE CAN DO IT.
AH. AS YOU KNOW, I UPLOADED THE PARADISE GROUP'S FILES INTO MY HEAD. I KNOW EVERYTHING CORNELIUS AND THEIR OTHER MAD SCIENTISTS DID TO US, TO OUR NEW FRIENDS HERE... EVERYTHING.
THEY KNEW A GREAT DEAL ABOUT SINISTER. CONSIDERED HIM ALMOST A COMPETITOR, IN A WAY.
AND MORE THAN THAT.
IT WOULD BE QUITE IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO PENETRATE SINISTER'S SECURITY AND LIVE.
BUT THERE'S SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO IT FOR US. ANOTHER REFUGEE FROM PARADISE, IN FACT...

"...HER NAME IS *FANTOMELLE.*
"I CAN TELL YOU EXACTLY WHO SHE IS.
"*AND* WHERE TO FIND HER."
NEXT: FANTOMELLE!